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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING
SYSTEM (GEMS)

1. THE U.S. IS GENERALLY PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE
THIRD SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNEP. IN PARTIC-
ULAR, WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE DECISION CALLING FOR MORE
ACTION TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT GEMS. WE BELIEVE IT IMPOR-
TANT THAT THIS EFFORT GET UNDERWAY IMMEDIATELY.

2. IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO THE WAY IN WHICH THE IRS WAS
DEVELOPED, WE SUGGEST THAT A SMALL TASK FORCE OF INDIV-
IDUALS FROM KEY NATIONS BE ORGANIZED TO PROVIDE STAFF
ASSISTANCE TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DEVELOP GEMS. THIS
TASK FORCE WOULD BE EXPECTED, AT ITS FIRST MEETING OF ONE
WEEK'S DURATION, TO LAY OUT THE GENERAL RATIONALE, STEPS,
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SCHEDULES, SCOPE, TERMS OF REFERENCE, PARTICIPATION AND

OTHER PREPARATORY MATERIAL AND GUIDELINES TO BE USED IN THE ACTUAL DESIGN OF GEMS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DECISION OF GC III THAT THIS DESIGN WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY CONVENING SMALL GROUPS OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS. ASSIGNMENTS WOULD BE MADE TO TASK FORCE MEMBERS TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR A SUBSEQUENT TWO-WEEK MEETING OF THE TASK

FORCE WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD BE REQUIRED. IN THIS WAY, MUCH OF THE STAFF GROUNDWORK CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED SO THAT WHEN THE GROUPS OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS SUBSEQUENTLY ARE CONVENED IN EACH AREA OF CONCERN THEY CAN DO SPECIFIC DESIGN WORK.

3. THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE DR. CLAYTON JENSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TASK FORCE EFFORT AND TO PROVIDE HIS ASSISTANCE IMMEDIATELY TO THE DIRECTOR OF GEMS TO ORGANIZE THE EFFORT. IN THIS REGARD, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR UNEP TO IDENTIFY AND CONTACT OTHER APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS BUT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONTACT KEY INDIVIDUALS IN OTHER NATIONS TO ACCELERATE ACTION. WE THINK THE TASK FORCE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNEP, NOT AS AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING, BUT ONE INVOLVING EXPERTS PROVIDING STAFF ASSISTANCE TO UNEP.

4. WE BELIEVE THE FIRST MEETING SHOULD BE HELD IN GENEVA AND BE RESTRICTED TO SIX EXPERTS, INCLUDING TWO FROM DEVELOPING NATIONS. PETER THACHER AND FRANCESCO SELLA SHOULD PARTICIPATE FROM UNEP. GORDON GOODMAN WOULD BE INVITED, REPRESENTING THE CHELSEA EFFORT. UNEP WOULD BE EXPECTED TO FUND THE PARTICIPANTS.

5. AS IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT RAPID PROGRESS BE MADE, WE BELIEVE IT IMPERATIVE THAT THE FIRST MEETING BE CALLED FOR THE END OF JUNE OR EARLY JULY. WE BELIEVE THE OPPORTUNITY EXISTS FOR TAKING SIGNIFICANT STEPS FORWARD IN THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION NOT ONLY OF GEMS, BUT ALSO OF THE OTHER ELEMENTS OF EARTHWATCH. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE INFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF YOUR REACTION TO THIS PROPOSAL. INGERSOLL

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